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SUBJECT: IBRD LOAN FOR EL SALVADOR

RE: STATE 106224

1. IN IMPLEMENTATION OF RECENT INTER-AGENCY
DECISION, ACTING DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY
DEVINE AND COUNTRY DESK OFFICER ELEANOR HICKS MET
ON JUNE 20 WITH LUIS ARMANDO GUERRA, CHARGE D'AFFAIRES
OF EMBASSY OF EL SALVADOR, TO DISCUSS DOLS 12.7 MILLION
OAN APPLICATION AT IBRD. THIS PERTAINS TO AN URBAN
DEVELOPMENT PROJECT CONSISTING OF DOLS 6.7 MILLION
BANK LOAN AND DOLS 6 MILLION IDA CREDIT WITH DIRECT
APPLICATION AND BENEFIT FOR LOWER SOCIO-ECONOMIC SECTORS
OF EL SALVADOR.

2. DEVINE REMINDED GUERRA OF RECENT CONVERSATION WITH
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SALVADORAN AMBASSADOR IN WHICH WE HAD MADE CLEAR OUR
DISSATISFACTION WITH SALVADORAN PERFORMANCE ON HUMAN
RIGHTS GROUNDS IN GENERAL, MORE SPECIFICALLY TREATMENT
OF US CITIZENS, AND RICHARDSON CASE IN PARTICULAR. AS A
RESULT OF THESE FACTORS, WE HAD INFORMED GOES OF OUR
INABILITY TO SUPPORT PREVIOUS LOAN APPLICATION (SAN

LORENZO) AND HAD INDICATED OUR INTENT TO REQUEST DEFERRAL. GOES HAD THEREAFTER RENDERED SUCH ACTION UNNECESSARY BY ITS OWN DECISION TO REQUEST POSTPONEMENT.

3. USG CONSIDERS ITS MESSAGE ON THAT PRIOR OCCASION WAS CLEAR AND ON VARIOUS GROUNDS IS ENCOURAGED TO BELIEVE THAT GOES IS AT PRESENT REVIEWING ITS POSITION AND PRACTICE IN MATTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND MAY BE PREPARING TO ACCOMMODATE OUR HOPE FOR IMPROVEMENT THEREIN. FOR THIS REASON, AND BECAUSE IT IS IN NO WAY OUR DESIRE TO BLOCK GOES EFFORTS TOWARD ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, DEVINE SAID THAT WE WILL SUPPORT PRESENT DOLS 12.7 MILLION APPLICATION. WE HOPE THAT BY SO DOING WE WILL CLEARLY SIGNAL TO GOES OUR CONCERN FOR THE NEEDY AND OUR READINESS AND DESIRE TO COOPERATE WITH GOES IN PURSUIT OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT. ABOVE ALL, HOWEVER, WE WISH TO MAKE CLEAR THAT PRESENT ACTION IN NO WAY REPRESENTS ANY RETREAT FROM OUR PREVIOUS POSITION AND IS IN FACT INTENDED AS FURTHER STIMULUS TO GOES TOWARD IMPROVED PRACTICE IN FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

4. DEVINE MADE CLEAR THAT WE NOW CONSIDER BALL TO BE IN GOES COURT AND THAT WE HOPE IN NEAR FUTURE TO RECEIVE POSITIVE RESPONSE ALONG LINES SOUGHT AT TIME
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OF OUR PREVIOUS CONVERSATION. IN ABSENCE THEREOF IT WOULD BE INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT -- PERHAPS EVEN IMPOSSIBLE -- FOR US TO BE SIMILARLY SYMPATHETIC TO FUTURE LOAN AND CREDIT APPLICATIONS BY EL SALVADOR.

5. IN CLOSING CONVERSATION, DEVINE ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY CONFUSION OR UNCERTAINTY AS TO OUR POSITION AND OFFERED TO CLARIFY. GUERRA SAID THAT THERE WAS NONE AND THAT USG POSITION WAS QUITE CLEAR. HE PROMISED TO REPORT OUR CONVERSATION AND HOPED THAT WE MIGHT SOON MEET AGAIN WITH SOME POSITIVE RESPONSE ON HUMAN RIGHTS MATTER IN HAND. VANCE

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